

# **PASCOAG FIRE DISTRICT**

## **TUESDAY MAY 13, 2014 MEETING MINUTES**

**Present: Chairman David Carpenter, Vice Chairman Robert Keable, Secretary Carrie Meinville, Commissioner David Shaw.**

**Guest: Attorney Jeff Kasle**

**1. The meeting opened at 7:00 pm with the pledge of Allegiance.**

**2. A motion was made by Vice Chairman Keable to convene into executive session to discuss:**

**a. IOD status for former Chief John Defusco RIGL 42-46-5(a)1. (Mr. Defusco was duly notified on May 6, 2014 that his physical status would be discussed and he was given the choice of open or executive session.)**

**b. appeal termination for Edward Blanchard at his request RIGL 42-46-5(a) 1. (Mr. Blanchard was duly notified that his job performance and or character would be discussed and he was given the choice of open or executive session.)**

**c. legal matters of the District pertaining to Fire District property RIGL 42-46-5(a) 2.**

**d. collective bargaining RIGL 42-46-5(a) 2.**

**A 2nd was heard from Secretary Meinville. All members were in favor of the motion.**

**The board returned from executive session at 8:34 p.m. Chairman Carpenter stated that one vote was taken in executive session to uphold the termination of Edward Blanchard. The vote was 4 to 0 in favor. A motion was made to seal the minutes of executive session by Vice-Chairman Keable and a 2nd was heard from Commissioner Shaw.**

**3. A motion was made by Vice-Chairman Keable to approve the meeting minutes from the April 8, 2014 meeting. A 2nd was heard from Commissioner Shaw. All members were in favor of the motion.**

**4. A motion was made to accept acting Chief Carter's report by Vice-Chairman Keable. A 2nd was heard from Secretary Meinville. All members were in favor of the motion.**

**5. A motion was made by Commissioner Shaw to accept the bills payable in the amount of \$13,721.46 for fire & rescue and \$27,395.17 for administrative bills. Vice Chairman Keable stated that he is recusing himself from voting on the bill from Nelson's. A 2nd was heard from Secretary Meinville. All members were in favor of the motion.**

**6. A motion was made by Vice-Chairman Keable to accept the financial statements as presented. A 2nd was heard from Commissioner Shaw. All members were in favor of the motion.**

## **7. Sub Committee reports:**

**a. Roof repairs – Acting Chief Carter stated that Scott Rylah tarred the leaks in the roof at Hose #2. Scott Rylah said he thinks the repairs will last a year or so and that he would not charge us for the repairs. He recommended replacing the roof & flashing. Chairman Carpenter asked Treasurer McCutcheon to incorporate funds in the 2015 budget for a new roof on Hose #2.**

**b. Forestry suspension issues – Chairman Carpenter stated that he has spoken to Scott from Scott's Mobile repair and he got two prices for replacing the springs in the forestry. Palmer Spring cost was \$1,750 and Spring Rebuilders in Worcester was \$1,400. Even if we replaced the springs the truck would still be overweight. The Board discussed maybe a new chassis. Vice Chairman Keable made a motion to table the repairs for more research. A 2nd was heard from Commissioner Meinville. All were in favor.**

**c. Explorer program – Acting Chief Carter stated that the board was given a rough draft of the explorer program and he would like them to review it and let him know of any recommendations. A motion was made by Vice-Chairman Keable to table the program until next month.**

**A 2nd was heard from Secretary Meinville. All members were in favor of the motion.**

**8. Correspondence:**

**a. A motion was made by Vice-Chairman Keable to receive and file Chief Colon's resignation letter. A 2nd was heard from Chairman Shaw. All members were in favor of the motion. Vice Chairman thanked Chief Colon for his service. A motion was made to pay Acting Chief Carter the Chiefs' stipend retroactive from April 8, 2014. A 2nd was heard from Commissioner Shaw. All members were in favor of the motion.**

**b. A motion was made by Commissioner Shaw to donate \$500 to the Pascoag Public Library. A 2nd was heard from Vice-Chairman Keable. All members were in favor of the motion.**

**9. Public Comment:**

**a. Lt. Dupuis stated that the blinds were purchased and installed at Hose #1 by himself and Pvt. Dupuis.**

**b. Acting Chief Carter stated he would like to have a subcommittee put in place to discuss replacing turn out gear for our members.**

**10. A motion was made to adjourn at 9:19 pm by Commissioner Shaw.  
A 2nd was heard by Secretary Meinville. All members were in favor  
of the motion.**

**Respectfully submitted**

**Laurie McCutcheon      Carrie Meinville**  
**Treasurer      Commission Secretary**